(vii) Restructuring of Delhi and Mumbai airport and work on development of Greenfield airports at Bangalore and Hyderabad.

(viii) Upgradation/expansion/development of airports is undertaken depending upon traffic potential, requirement of airline operators and need of travelling people.

Security clearance for airlines

712. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details pertaining to the requirement for private commercial airlines to obtain 'security clearance' from Government;

(b) the details of security clearance issued to airlines operating commercial flights in India showing the date of commencement of commercial flight operation by each;

(c) whether security clearance pertaining to the Promoters and Directors of M/s Jet Air had been pending to be issued;

(d) if so, details thereof, indicating the reasons for its remaining pending;

(e) the basis of permitting the said Airlines to operate despite non-issuance of security clearance;

(f) whether the same have since been issued; and

(g) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Scheduled operators permit to an airline is issued on meeting the minimum requirements as contained in Civil Aviation Requirements Section 3 Series C Part II. At the time of grant of initial No Objection Certificate, the applicant firm has to submit to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the particulars of the Directors and Chairman/ CEO for security clearance as per the prescribed format. Furthermore, any change in the Board of Directors or Chairman/CEO at any time is to be intimated to the Ministry of Civil Aviation and DGCA. New Chairman and Directors are to be appointed only after their security clearance.

(b) The date of commencement of operations by private scheduled commercial airlines is as follows—

(1) Jet Airways (India) Ltd.-13.2.1995, (2) Sahara Airlines Ltd. 1.1.1996, (3) Deccan Aviation-26.8.2003, (4) Blue Dart (Cargo)-31.12.2003, (5) Kingfisher Airlines-4.5.2005, (6) Spicejet-17.5.2005, (7) Paramount Airways-14.10.2005, (8) Go Airlines-28.10.2005.

The security clearance in respect of these operators was obtained as per extant rules as Air taxi Operator/ Scheduled operator.

(c) No proposal to grant security clearance to the Promoters and Directors of M/s. Jet Airways is pending.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The said airlines has been operating with the necessary security clearance.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

New airline service in Kerala

713. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala supported project of starting a new airline by Cochin International Airport Ltd. (CIAL) has been presented to the Central Government;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the Central Government are delaying sanction to this project; and

(c) what steps would be taken to expedite the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The proposal of the State Government of Kerala for a new airline to operate on international routes has not been agreed to in view of the fact that it does not meet the requisite guidelines which provide for 5 years experience of continuous operations in domestic sector and a minimum fleet size of 20 aircraft before Indian scheduled carriers are permitted to operate on international routes.